

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace [0027] (i.e., page 7, lines 5-13) with the following paragraph:

-- As shown in FIGs. 3 and 4, the cooling apparatus 10 is used in high-speed drawing (hereinafter referred to as "cooling apparatus") of an optical fiber to cool an optical fiber to a desired temperature appropriate for coating the drawn optical fiber. It should be noted that at least one cooling apparatus can be mounted in the drawing tower. The cooling apparatus 10 is constructed so that it can be automatically opened, closed, and controlled. A means for automatically opening, closing, and controlling the cooling apparatus 10 amounts to a known function or configuration and is accordingly represented in FIG. 3 by a controller 116, with detailed description of the function or configuration being omitted ~~is not shown nor discussed as they represent subject matter not covered by the present invention~~. The cooling apparatuses 10 are installed with a turbulence generator 140 within a cooling body 110, thereby minimizing the amount of cooling gas utilized as a refrigerant (He, Ar, N₂). --